

Congresswoman to tour nutrition program sponsored by Community Partners with Youth

Washington, DC – To raise awareness about the problem of hunger in Minnesota and the nation, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04), co-chair of the Congressional Hunger Caucus, will visit a summer enrichment program that provides lunch and activities for low-income children sponsored by Community Partners with Youth (CYP) on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Congresswoman McCollum will greet over 50 elementary school and middle school children during lunchtime and meet with staffers.

“The reality is no community is hunger free and there are children who go hungry in every state across America, including Minnesota. We can eradicate hunger by focusing attention to the issue and supporting organizations, like Community Partners with Youth, that help families put good, quality and nutritious food on the table,” said Congresswoman McCollum.

Congresswoman McCollum worked with her colleagues in the Congressional Hunger Caucus to launch an effort to urge every Member of Congress to dedicate one hour of one day during the August recess to focus on efforts to fight hunger in their state.

Minnesota ranks 41st in the nation with 1 in 8 children living at risk of hunger. Community Partners with Youth, which is located at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton, is the only summer lunch program in suburban Ramsey County. They support families by providing nutrition, supervision and direction for youth. Their Summer Food Service Program is funded in part by the USDA’s Summer Food Service Program which is administered by the state of Minnesota.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-4) serves on the House Appropriations & Budget Committees.

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